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TO: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Department of the Army
Attention: Chief, Counterintelligence Branch
Security Division

FROM: Deputy Director for Plans

SUBJECT: Brooks O. MASON, RA 18079463

1. Reference is made to our memorandum, CSCI-3/778,502 of 6 November 1963, and your memorandum of 8 December 1963 concerning Brooks O. MASON, the former agent handler in Germany of Werner Rudolf ROGAL, born 10 August 1912 in Riga, Latvia. It may be noted that HARKSMAN reported no derogatory information on MASON. The HARKSMAN information on one frau ROGAL, believed identical with Werner ROGAL, is as follows:

"One of the clandestine contacts of Otto SKORZENY in West Germany is a certain ROGAL who lived until 1956 in Frankfurt A/M. ROGAL is Lithuanian or comes from Latvia. According to my investigation, he is a principal agent of the KGB Chief Directorate II. ROGAL formerly, until 1954, had contact with an AIS officer, B. O. MASON, Bad Wildungen, Otzenbergstrasse 1. MASON allegedly ran an IS section working against the Soviet Baltic countries. A co-worker of ROGAL, at the same time a KGB agent, is a certain Colonel JANUYS, or something similar, who is Lithuanian. A close contact existed and allegedly exists today between SKORZENY and ROGAL."

REPLY TO CS CI-3/779,501

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Subj (MASON) is not acquainted with Colonel Vilis JANUMS & he knows of no connection between JANUMS & ROGAL.

MASON interviewed 2 Mar 64.

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2. Werner ROGAL was recruited by the 86th CIC Detachment in July 1952 as a source of information on emigre groups and also for use as an interpreter and surveillant. He was dropped in September 1953 without prejudice. There is no evidence to confirm HARKNESS's report that ROGAL was a KGB agent.

3. This Agency would appreciate your debriefing HARKNESS for any information he may recall on Werner ROGAL, including the following points:

A. Early background of ROGAL.

Comment: ROGAL lived from birth until 1939 in Riga, Latvia, and from 1939 to 1941 in Odessa, according to the 86th CIC Personality Report on him dated 23 April 1953. From October 1941 to May 1945 he served in the German Navy and from May 1945 to June 1947 was a prisoner of war in England and Ireland.

B. Evidence ROGAL ever resided in Frankfurt/Main.

Comment: The above-mentioned Personality Report listed ROGAL's residences as Marburg/Lahn, Germany, from July 1947 to February 1948, and Karlsruhe from February 1948 to August 1952. ROGAL may have lived later in Baden-Baden and in Bonn.

C. Information on Colonel Vilis JANUMS, a prominent member of Baltic emigre circles. Evidence of a connection between JANUMS and ROGAL.

Comment: JANUMS is believed to be the Colonel JANVINS reported by HARKNESS as a KGB agent. JANVINS was born 7 January 1904 or 17 January 1895 in Latvia. He is chairman of the Latvian Central Committee in Germany. The 86th ICG reported the following information on JANUMS: JANUMS attended the Russian Academy, Russischer Junger Schule, from 1914 to 1915 and went from there into the Latvian Army. He rose steadily in the Army until his surrender in 1945 to American units in West Prussia. At that time, JANUMS surrendered his entire regiment which had been ordered to the defense of

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Berlin. He was confined until March of 1946 and upon his release became associated with Latvian affairs in the West. Despite his voiced anti-Soviet feelings, he refused to give any information regarding his activities during the first Soviet occupation of Latvia prior to World War II. There is no evidence to confirm MARKSMAN's report that JANUINS (JANUNIS) was a KGB agent, and investigation has failed to disclose any evidence of a connection between him and ROGAL. It may also be noted that there is no information that HANSEN was ever in contact with JANUINS.

D. ROGAL's association with Tatyana DE TROUVILLE.

Comment: The files of the 68th ICG indicate that ROGAL was the lover of DE TROUVILLE, a former CIC agent on whom MARKSMAN has also reported. MARKSMAN, however, had no knowledge of any connection between ROGAL and DE TROUVILLE. According to 68th ICG records, DE TROUVILLE's daughter stated that her mother was introduced to ROGAL by Colonel KIEP.

E. ROGAL's association with Colonel Reinhold KIEP.

Comment: KIEP is a retired German intelligence officer born in East Prussia. According to a West German Police Report of 1954, KIEP worked under Johannes BLAND for Friedrich Wilhelm HEINZ, suspect Soviet agent and member of the Amt BLANK (Security Planning Office of the Ministry of Defense). In 1947 KIEP was involved in the intelligence activities of Helmut von KLEIST.

F. ROGAL's association with Helmut von KLEIST.

Comment: Von KLEIST is a suspect Soviet agent and former German intelligence officer born in Latvia. The April 1953 CIC Personality Report on ROGAL indicated that ROGAL maintained contact with Wolf von KLEIST when he met during World War II when he and von KLEIST's son, now dead, served together. However, a 1943 GND report identified Wolfgang von KLEIST, publisher of "Baltic Letters," as the son of Helmut.

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G. ROGAL's association with Dr. Oliver FREDERICKSON, U. S. citizen.

Comment: FREDERICKSON is listed as a reference in the 1953 CIC Personality Report on ROGAL. At that time FREDERICKSON was chief historical consultant for USARPUR in Karlsruhe. ROGAL became acquainted with FREDERICKSON's daughter in 1949 and became a frequent visitor to the FREDERICKSON home. It may be noted that HARRISMAN said that FREDERICKSON, who became the director of the Research Institute for Soviet Studies in Munich, was for a time of the greatest interest to the RIS. (Our files indicate that FREDERICKSON became director of the Institute in 1954.) HARRISMAN had no knowledge of how FREDERICKSON came to be of interest to the RIS or evidence of a connection between him and ROGAL.

H. Evidence of a connection between ROGAL and Otto SKORZENY, the well known former German Army officer who liberated Mussolini from prison.

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